GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR
LOK SABHA

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EMPLOYME NT FOR AGRICULTURE AND RURAL INDUSTRIES SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND RURAL AND AGRO INDUSTR be pleased to state:

(a) the reasons for which Government does not fix employment targets for the agriculture and rural industries sector; and

(b) whether it is a fact that in the industrial sector the highest employment generation potential is not in agricultural and rural industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES AND AGF RURAL INDUSTRIES (SMT. VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a): The Government provides financial assistance to the Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) and the KVIC allocates these funds to its implementing agencies namely the State/UT level KVI Boards, institutions, Cooperative Societies etc. The Government does not fix targets, as such.

(b): Rural industrial sector has immense opportunities for employment generation with relatively smaller investment.